Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Calvert County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as added by Chapter 586 AND AMENDED BY CHAPTER 584, RESPECTIVELY, of the Acts of 1966, be and it is THEY ARE hereby repealed; and that new Section 123½ be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the section SECTIONS so repealed; that Section SECTIONS 54A AND 56 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "County Commissioners," be and it is THEY ARE hereby repealed; and that new Section 54A be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the section SECTIONS so repealed; and that Section SECTIONS 41 AND 52A of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as AMENDED BY CHAPTER 584 AND added by Chapter 586, RESPECTIVELY, of the Acts of 1966, be and it is THEY ARE hereby repealed; and that new Section 52A be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the section SECTIONS so repealed; and all to read as follows:

 $123\frac{1}{2}$.

(1) A regional planning and development area, is hereby established which shall include all of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, herein referred to as the "Tri-County Area," as the planning and development agency for the Tri-County area the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is established, herein after referred to as "The Council." The membership of the Council will consist of the State Senator(s) and Delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties in addition to 6 additional members from each county to include three County Commissioners, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a member of the Economic Development Commission and a member at large each appointed by the State Senators and Delegates representing Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties and the County Commissioners from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties. THE THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL HAVE BUT ONE VOTE AMONG THEM, TO BE CAST BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR HIS DESIGNEE. Additionally, the Maryland Department of Economic Development and the Maryland State Planning Department shall each be represented on the Council by one non-voting member.

The members who hold membership by virtue of their elected or appointed positions shall hold office only during their term of office. The members at large shall serve at the pleasure of elected and otherwise appointed membership of each county.

Vacancies on the Council by reason of death, resignation, change of residence or other cause shall be filed FILLED for the duration of the unexpired term in the same manner as is provided for the original appointment.

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation.

(2) Status. The Tri-County Council shall be a public body corporate and politic, and shall operate as a cooperative planning and development agency within the representative counties to foster the physical, economic and social development of the tri-county area